

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-45 are in this case. Claim 45 is allowed. Claims 35 and 44 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Claims 26,29,30,33,37,39-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Niu et al. (Electroanalytical Chem. 546, pp. 59-72, 2003).

Claims 26,27,30,33,37 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Malinauskas et al. (J. Electroanalytical Chem. 484 (2000), pp. 55-63 with evidence from STN registry.

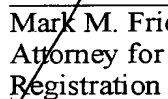
Claims 26 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Levi et al. (Electrochimica Acta, 38, pp. 271-279, 1993)

Claim 26,27,30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by CAPLUS abstract for Kitani et al. (Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals, 1997, 296, pp. 349-256)

While continuing to traverse the Examiner's rejections, and without in any way prejudicing the patentability of the rejected claims, the Applicant has, in order to expedite allowance and issue of a patent, chosen to amend the claims thereby rendering moot Examiner's rejections. Specifically, claim 26 is currently amended to be identical to allowed claim 45. Claim 45 is canceled herein. Claims 27-43 are presented again as dependent from independent claim 26 (identical with formerly allowed and canceled claim 45) and are therefore also allowable. Claim 44 is currently amended and re-written in independent form. Claim numbers 27 and 39 and the dependency of claim 39 are corrected herein.

In view of the above request to amend the present application, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 26 and 44 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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